



St. Cross

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021
10:00 a.m.



Welcome to worship at St. Cross!

Newcomers and Visitors: We strive to live into the gospel ideal of being an open and welcoming community. We know it is hard when you see your favorite people after a year (and may even have a vaccine). However, with COVID restrictions we ask that you remain in your assigned seating area and keep your mask on at all times.

Worship: The entire service is in this bulletin. The people's parts are in bold type. Generally, we sit for teachings and stand for prayers. Do not be concerned if you are unable to stand, do what is comfortable for you. Please let the ushers know if you need any assistance, such as communion brought to your seat.

Lessons and Sermon Notes

A few words on today's lessons about what you will hear, and what you will take with you through the week.

The Third Sunday of Easter—Year B

Welcome to our parish. On this Third Sunday of Easter, the Gospel reading directs our attention to the Eucharist as our ongoing experience of the resurrection. On the first Easter afternoon Jesus met two of his followers, and as they walked to the village of Emmaus he explained the scriptures concerning his death and resurrection to them. At table with them he said the blessing and broke the bread and they recognized him.

Today's Gospel reading carries that story to its conclusion. Those two disciples are in the midst of telling the others that Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread when he appears in their midst. He again explains the scriptures and shares food with them. Thus from the very beginning of the Church's life in the risen Lord, the meal has been the most common way Jesus' resurrection is revealed to his people.

Our reading from Acts today is an account of the manifestation of Christ's presence in and through his followers. Peter and John heal a cripple in the name of Jesus and then Peter proclaims the Gospel of the dying and rising of Jesus.

We are a people who through Baptism and Eucharist live in Christ's dying and rising. We meet him again and again in the Breaking of the Bread and acclaim him. "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!"

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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God:
In thanksgiving for all who helped make Easter glorious
for our St. Cross community*

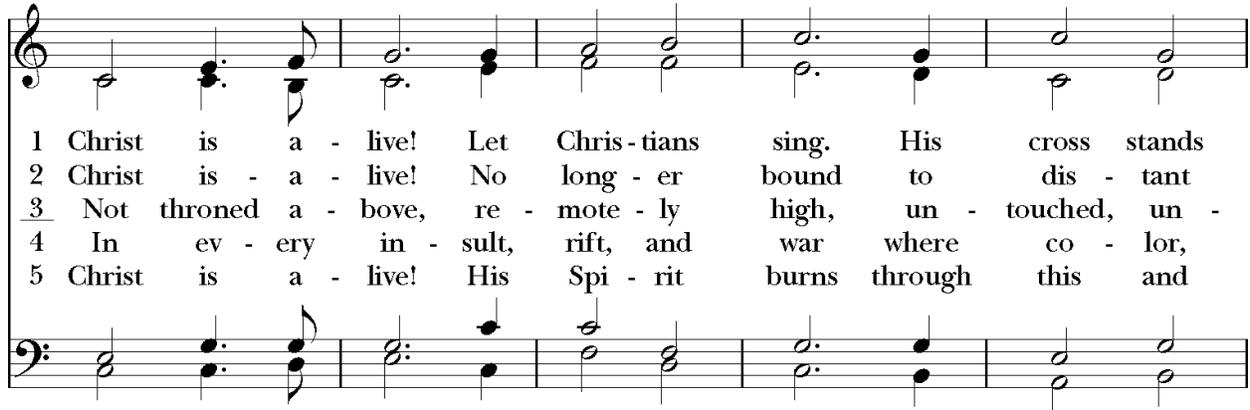
Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

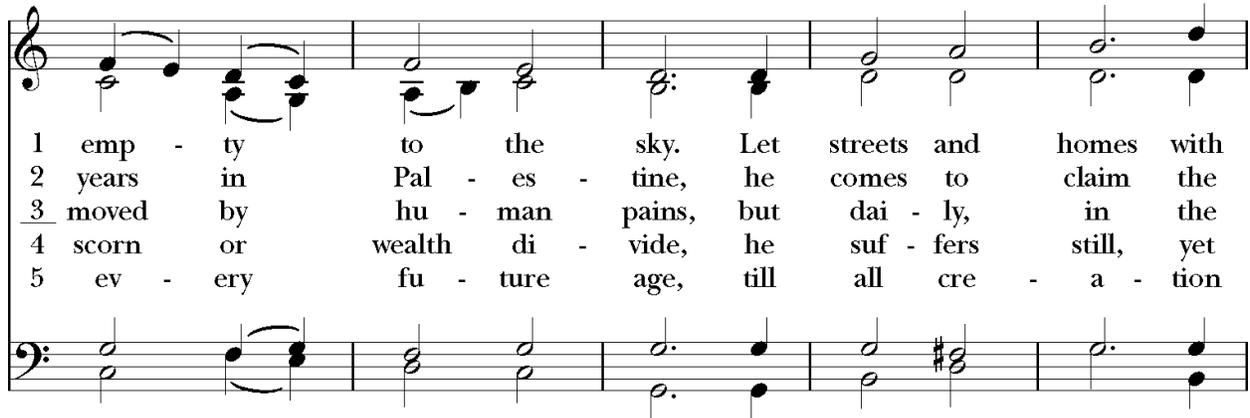
Please stand as the clergy enter.

Opening Hymn

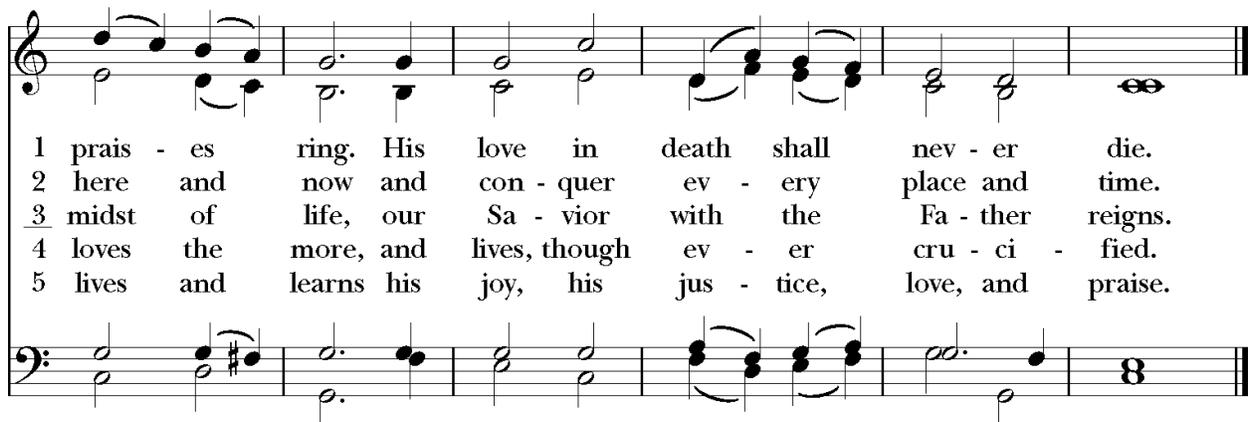
Hymn 182 (vs 1,2,5)



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant and People together say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Acts 3:12-19

Please be seated.

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

**Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**

**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"**

**Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.**

**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

**Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.**

**Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

**You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.**

**I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Please stand as you are able for the gospel reading. It is customary to make a small cross on one's forehead, lips, and heart at the opening acclamation as a sign that we keep the gospel ever in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Stephen Smith

Following the sermon, a time of silence for private meditation is observed.

Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Prayers of the People

Please stand. We pray for the church in all places, for the world and our nation, for the needs of others, for ourselves, and for those who have died. You are welcome to add your own petitions as we pray. To add names to the prayer list, please go to stcross.org/pray

*The response to “God of Grace” is “**Hear our prayer**”.*

Christ is Risen, and the power of his resurrection fills the world with new life. With hope and expectation, let us bring to God all our needs as we pray:

For your Church throughout the world: By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

For our Presiding Bishop Michael, and our Bishops John and Diane and all other ministers, lay and ordained: that they may boldly and faithfully reveal Christ in word and action.

Lector: God of Grace
All: Hear our prayer

For the leaders of our nation: For all federal, state and local elected officials, and all those in positions of authority: that they may seek and find wisdom and govern with courage and integrity for the common good.

For the leaders of the nations and world: that they may give priority to those in greatest need in the distribution of the world’s basic resources, and work together to overcome violence against all, especially the poor, the weak, and the migrant.

Lector: God of Grace

All: Hear our prayer

For your wondrous creation that shines forth your light: Give us reverence for all life in your world and teach us to love all that you have created and to care for the earth as your gift and our home.

For our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved, and for all those whose lives touch ours: Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as God loves us. We give thanks for the many blessings in our lives, especially those we name now ...

Lector: God of Grace

All: Hear our prayer

For all who are forgotten or thrown away, especially for the impoverished, the hungry, the homeless, the lonely or afraid: that God might change our hearts and move us to love and care for them as the image of Christ.

For all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit: especially those we name now... and for those who have been affected by the coronavirus, those who grieve, who struggle for life, whose lives are in danger, who are lonely; for first responders and those in the medical field, that through their skill and wisdom many will be restored to health. May all in need know the power of your healing love.

For those deprived of their human needs and their human rights: that they may be given the dignity which God confers on all people.

For all prisoners and those in any kind of trouble: that your abundant compassion be made known.

Lector: God of Grace

All: Hear our prayer

For all those who have died to this earthly life, especially those we name now We remember your mercy and commit them to the safety of your keeping. Bless those who mourn and heal their brokenness with your gentle touch that they may know your peace.

Lector: God of Grace

All: Hear our prayer

Officiant

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you;" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

Amen.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in the name of Christ by remaining by your chair and offering a gesture of peace to your neighbors. Please keep social distancing even if vaccinated.

Announcements

Announcements are made at this time.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

During the setting of the table a collection is taken online at www.stcross.org/give and has been given in person, to support the life and ministry of St. Cross.

Doxology

Hymnal #380 vs. 3

The people stand as they are able.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant say together

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the bread.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the people of God.

At St. Cross all who come in faith, seeking deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward to the altar as directed by the usher. Please keep 6-foot spacing from those in front of you. Take the sacrament of bread back to your seat and consume the sacrament at your seat. If you would prefer not to receive the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest and the clergy will offer a (non-touch) blessing instead.

Communion Hymn

Hymn 306



1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,

nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
"This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;

in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

Prayer After Communion

After Communion, the people stand as they are able and the Celebrant says
Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give this foretaste of your glory.

People and Celebrant

**Loving God,
we give you thanks,
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

The priest blesses the people

May the peace of the ocean wave be with you. The peace of the ocean breeze surround you. The peace of the quiet earth be in you. The peace of the night stars cover you. The deep peace of the Son of Peace be always with you. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hymn 193



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

Today's Ministers – 10:00am

Celebrant	The Rev. Nathan Biornstad
Preacher	The Rev. Stephen Smith
Organist/Choirmaster	Sean O'Neal
Cantor	Dan Wilson
Lector	Anne Tittle
Intercessor	Ruth Krusic
Set Up	Mervis Reissig Caren Brownlie Lizabeth Thompson
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